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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

LINE 28, to PG. 15, LINE 10

Please amend the specification at page 14, ~~lines 0-15~~ to reflect the following paragraph:

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Referring now to FIG. 5, for the sake of clarity a brief description of transport stream 342 is provided hereinbelow. Transport stream 342 is made up of a plurality of MPEG packets 500. Each of the MPEG packets 500 has a header 502 and a payload 504. The header 502 includes a packet identifier (PID) 506 that is used to identify the packet. Certain packets, such as program association tables (PATs), which are identified by the PID value of 0, have reserved PID values. PATs are used to associate programs with program map tables (PMTs), which are used to identify the PID values of the elementary streams of the programs. For example, the exemplary PAT shown in FIG. 5, associates a program number 16 with a PMT packet having a PID value of 100. Generally, a program is made up of a plurality of elementary streams, and each of the elementary streams has a unique PID values associated with it in transport stream 342. The exemplary PMT shown in FIG. 5 lists the elementary streams and their respective PID values. Further details regarding MPEG transport streams can be found in U. S. Application Ser. No. 09/845,510 ~~xx/xxx,xxx~~, (~~Attorney Docket No. A-6684~~) "System And Method For Multicasting Packets In A Subscriber Network," filed on April 30, 2001, which is hereby incorporated in its entirety by reference.